

**Blue Range Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Project
Adaptive Management Oversight Committee
Standard Operating Procedure 5.0 - Clarification Memo**

Title: Initial Wolf Releases

Number: 5.0

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Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to clarify how SOP 5.0 shall be implemented henceforth. These clarifications are based on experience to date and have been discussed and agreed to by AMOC and the Lead Agency Directors.

Clarifications consist of the following:

- 1) Increase the area of livestock owner and permittee notification to a radius of 10 miles (around the initial release site) from a radius of five miles.
- 2) Add a voluntary livestock industry contact for each state to the initial release contact list.

Rationale: Increasing the radius of notification and adding a voluntary livestock industry contact for each state to the contact list are both intended to ensure more effective notification of persons whose daily activities are most likely to be affected by the proposed initial release. Increasing the area of notification will change **Section 1.k.ii.** as follows (changes are in italics): “Discuss the proposal with each local permittee within *10 miles* of the proposed release.” Increasing the area of notification and adding another initial release contact will change **Section 6.a.** as follows: “The IFT shall notify (*by phone, email, or personal visit*) local livestock permittees (i.e. those within *10 miles* of the proposed release site), *a voluntary livestock industry contact for each state*, a local county official, and the local USFS District Ranger not less than 30 calendar days prior to the release.”

Approvals:

The Mexican Wolf Blue Range Reintroduction Project Adaptive Management Oversight Committee approved this SOP (with Lead Agency Director concurrence) on April 21, 2008.